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SUBJ: PRESS GUIDANCE ON KOREA - MARCH 1, 1978

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1. EMBASSY AGREES WITH POSITION TAKEN BY DEPT SPODESMAN
AS IT DEFENDS OUR HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT. WE BELIEVE,
HOWEVER, THAT BEING ON RECORD WITH THE HUMAN RIGHTS
STATEMENT SHOULD NOT PRECLUDE OUR COMMENTING ON ROKG
ACTIONS THAT APPEAR TO SOME DEGREE TO REVERSE POSITIVE
TRENDS WHICH HAVE BEEN NOTED.

2. ROKG HAS PLAYED HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT IN MOST
POSITIVE TERMS HERE. ONE RESULT HAS BEEN THE OPEN LETTER
TO PRESIDENT CARTER, WHICH WAS BASED MORE UPON PRESS
REPORTS (KOREAN) OF THE REPORT THAN UPON THE ACTUAL
CONTENTS OF THE REPORT ITSELF. ROKG APPEARS PLEASED
WITH RESULTS IT HAS OBTAINED AND MAY WELL NEED TO BE
REMINDING IN CONSIDERED MANNER FROM TIME TO TIME THAT
FORWARD PROGRESS RECEIVES THE KUDOS AND THAT
REGRESSION WILL BE NOTED.

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3. EMBASSY DOES NOT NOW SUGGEST ANY MODIFICATION
OF MARCH 1 STATEMENT. HOWEVER, IN FUTURE WE BELIEVE
IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO NOTE SOME CONCERN OVER EVENTS
NOT IN KEEPING WITH OUR HOPES FOR DEVELOPMENTS IN
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